



Travel

Ready or not

Spring Break is creeping closer and closer. With the promise of sun, beaches, drinks and hordes of single frisky college students, here are some things to do now to get ready for Spring Break.

Drink! That's right, I said drink. If you get stuck at a foam party in Jamaica with the tolerance you have going right now, you will be the one stripping butt naked and yelling something real stupid to someone like, "This foam reminds me of when I fart in my bubble bath." A pick up line sure to work. I swear.

Go to your closest tanning salon and sizzle to your heart's content. Is this worse than frying to a "hey, is that ketchup over your entire body" in the sun? You be the judge. All I have to say is never pass out in the sun. That is not good.

Get sucked! Liposuction is a quick, easy way to get rid of those extra, unwanted pounds that I am sure many are fretting over as you read. Just don't go the cheap way and try an at-home procedure with your Hoover. This could be bad for you. Very bad.

Shop! Even though my swimsuit is from, like, '95, I am sure many of you do not want to be the only one in last year's swimsuit. May I recommend Victoria's Secret for the ladies? For the guys, I really don't care, just no Speedos. Leave those for the swimmers and divers. And even if you are a swimmer or diver, leave the Speedos at home on Spring Break.

Sell your body! Not that way. I am not condoning prostitution. I mean sell plasma, sperm, eggs, kidneys (wait, you will need that organ on Spring Break) or just become a stripper. Everybody could use some extra cash and there are many outlets for quick cash. Just don't visit three different plasma places on the same day. This too could be bad.

Get excited! It is Spring Break for goodness sake. This may be your last one or your first, but it should be fun. They don't call it a break for nothing. Enjoy it.

-Ron Norton
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THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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ON CAMPUS

The role of the black journalist

Former vice chancellor to speak: William C. Parker encourages change in black journalism

By Sterling Rouse
STAFF WRITER

William C. Parker, respected orator and former vice chancellor of minority affairs at UK, will speak at UK on Sunday about the role and responsibility of the black journalist.

Parker believes that many of today's black journalists have lost

touch with their ability to create change within their communities.

"It's not that they have forgotten [their role]," he said. "It's just that nobody taught it to them."

He said that, historically, great black journalists were people who used their position to improve their environment, without losing the objectivity that is the hallmark of journalism.

But Parker was quick to point out that his message extends beyond the realms of journalism and blackness, and encouraged all students to attend.

Born in 1925, Parker escaped poverty to earn a bachelor's and master's degree from Illinois State University. He also received a doctorate in psychology from Columbia Pacific University. He has done postgraduate work at Case-Western Reserve, Princeton, Rutgers as well as the University of Ghana in Accra.

The president of Parker &

Parker Associates, a local human resource consulting firm, Parker has used his expertise in leadership and human behavior to provide services to people around the globe.

Jermaine Reeves, a telecommunications senior who has heard Parker speak, is excited about his coming to UK and hopes to attend.

"He is a very knowledgeable man," Reeves said, "yet he is still down to earth."
Cote Stepteanu, a broadcast journalism senior and treasurer

of the National Association of Black Journalists, which is sponsoring the event, also looks forward to seeing Parker.

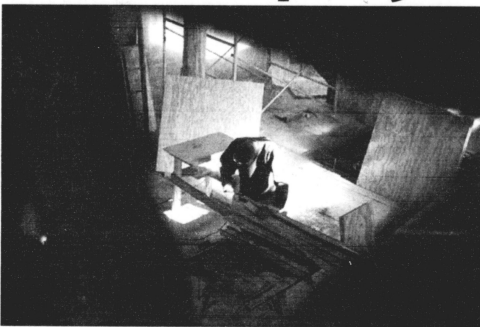
"It is an honor," she said, "because he has contributed so much to UK and to the minority affairs program."

Be there

William C. Parker will speak at 4 p.m. Sunday in the William T. Young auditorium.

HANDS-ON PROJECT

Bringing college and community together



Hard at work

Architecture senior Steve Martin works on the College of Architecture's current project - a wellness center for residents in Frenchburg, Ky. Fifty to 60 students have contributed to the project since its inception in 1998.

NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

'We're building a bridge': Architecture students get real-life experience through building a wellness center for residents in a Kentucky town

By Kristin Gunderson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"We're building a bridge between the community and college," said Tony Roccanova, associate professor at the College of Architecture.

But fourth and fifth year architecture students are building more than just a bridge. Since the fall of 1998, more than 60 students have masterminded the building of a wellness center in Frenchburg, Ky.

The Frenchburg community wanted a wellness center with exercise equipment, an area for aerobics classes and a space that can be used for receptions. The College of Architecture has given the community just that. When the state offered the college \$50,000 to build,

Roccanova, who has overseen the project for all eight semesters of its existence, jumped at the chance to participate.

"A project like this affects everything you do for the rest of your life," he said.

He said the hands-on experience benefits students in the classroom.

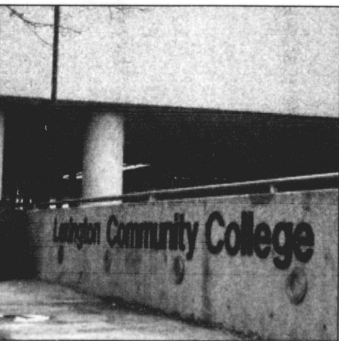
"The reality helps to explain things in the studio that seem abstract," he said. "Models and drawings become more alive by these experiences."

Brad Ellis, one of five architecture students working on the project this semester, said the experience would be beneficial when he graduates and begins

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TWO WORLDS

Computer system causes problems for students



NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

LCC President Jim Kerley said appropriate measures are being taken to fix inconsistencies between LCC and UK in terms of benefits.

The issue: Students attending UK and LCC are not receiving benefits

By Ferran Robinson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For the last two years, corporate communications junior Jon Rasmussen, 25, has attended school full-time. But he always paid full price for his UK sports tickets, his good grades didn't get him on the dean's list and he never had the chance to get UK health insurance.

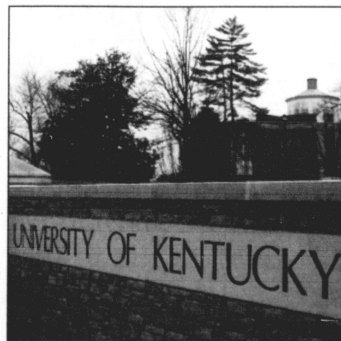
Rasmussen's problems are familiar to anyone who attends UK and LCC with 12 or more hours combined between the two. Though LCC is part of UK's educational system and general education courses are of equal merit at the two schools, one must be a full-time student at one of the schools, not both, to take advantage of some basic full-time benefits.

Rasmussen attends both schools to accommodate his schedule. This semester is the first time he has been able to take 12 hours at UK, though he still has one class at LCC.

"I'm a sports fan, so it drove me insane that I couldn't get discounted tickets," he said.

Other inconsistencies between the school's benefits include UK's inability to access an LCC student's

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NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

Some of the benefits students of both UK and LCC are missing out on include discounted basketball tickets and UK health insurance.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down

I don't know what all the controversy about Eminem is. I met him backstage, and he's really a gay."

Grammy Host Jon Stewart, in his opening monologue at the Wednesday night event.

Eminem stirs controversy at Grammys

LOS ANGELES — Despite the hype over whether Eminem's "The Marshall Mathers LP" would take home album of the year honors, the rapper lost out to a pair of aging rockers — Steely Dan, who up until Wednesday night had never won a Grammy. The duo snagged the album of the year win for "Two Against Nature," their first album in nearly two decades. They also won best pop album and best pop performance by a duo or group for "Cousin Dupree." Also taking home three trophies apiece were Irish rockers U2 and crossover country singer Faith Hill. Eminem also won three awards, all in the rap categories. Outside the ceremony, about 100 people from women's and gay-rights groups demonstrated against Eminem. Elton John, one of music's most famous gay celebrities, also weathered criticism for joining the rapper onstage. Their performance of "Stan," Eminem's darkly gripping song about a deranged fan, also tested CBS censors. At least three curse words could be heard during the performance.

Scores die in brutal ethnic fighting

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Gangs carried the severed heads of their victims through a Borneo island town where more than 100 people have died in brutal ethnic violence this week. Security forces on Thursday patrolled Sampit in Central Kalimantan province — the Indonesian part of Borneo island — where clashes between indigenous Dayaks and migrants from other parts of the country first erupted Sunday. The violence highlights the breakdown of law and order in Indonesia as the archipelago emerges from more than three decades of authoritarian rule and old ethnic hatreds erupt into bloodshed. President Abdurrahman Wahid led for a two-week trip Thursday to the Middle East and Africa saying he was not worried about leaving Indonesia mired in a political crisis and ethnic violence.

Clinton brother-in-law returns money

WASHINGTON — The investigation into former President Clinton's last-minute pardons is widening amid revelations that his wife's brother collected nearly \$400,000 for helping secure a pardon and a prison commutation for two clients. At the request of the first family, Hugh Rodham refunded the payments Wednesday. A congressional investigative committee immediately demanded documents and answers. Clinton and his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said they were unaware of the arrangements with Rodham and were "deeply disturbed" by what had happened.

Commander faces uncertain future

WASHINGTON — When the Navy needed to trust its stuff, it could count on Cmdr. Scott Wad-



FAR LESS THAN ZERO: Actor Robert Downey Jr.'s drug case was continued to allow defense attorneys to gather evidence, prosecutors said. Downey, charged with possession of cocaine and a tranquilizer, faces more than four years in prison if convicted. Downey, 35, was arrested on Nov. 25 at a Palm Springs hotel after police received an anonymous tip.



CATCH ME I'M FALLING: Robbie Williams suffered bruises but was otherwise unharmed after a man pushed the pop star from the stage during a Stuttgart concert. He fell over 5 feet into the pit below the stage after a young man who police said was psychologically disturbed got onto the stage and pushed him from behind.

dle to get the job done, those who know the beleaguered submarine commander say. "He's the one that's chosen when they want to send a submarine to show off on Armed Forces Day in some major port in California," said his friend John Peters, a retired Navy submarine captain. Waddle, 41, now keeps quiet, pending investigation into his submarine's collision with a Japanese fishing and training vessel. Two civilians were at control positions in Waddle's submarine when the accident occurred. The Navy relieved Waddle as commander of the USS Greeneville after the Feb. 9 accident that sank the Ehime Maru, which was on a one-month training cruise with Japanese high school students. Twenty-six people were rescued, but nine others — including four students — are missing.

India extends Kashmir cease-fire

NEW DELHI, India — India extended its unilateral cease-fire against Islamic separatists in Kashmir for another three months in an effort to boost peace efforts, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said Thursday. The government had decided to extend the cease-fire at a Cabinet meeting Wednesday, but the duration of the extension — until the end of May — was not announced until Thursday in Parliament. The government first declared the cease-fire in late November to coincide with the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. This latest extension was the third.

Two killed in car bomb explosion

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain — A car bomb exploded in this northern coastal city Thursday, killing two young men and injuring others, authorities said. The blast came at 8 a.m. about 200 yards from a commuter train stop in San Sebastian, said the Interior Ministry in the Basque region. The ministry confirmed it was a car bomb, a frequent method of attack by the Basque separatist group ETA. Ambulances rushed victims to the Aranzazu hospital, which said two men had died. They were identified as Jose Angel Santos Larranaga and Josu Leones Azkona, workers for Electra, an electricity company. Four other men were being treated for injuries. One of the injured was identified as Ignacio Dubrueil Churruga, a councillor from the Socialist party in nearby Ordizia, party member Rosa Diez said. Dubrueil, 40, was only slightly injured, she said.

Earnhardt buried in private service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Dale Earnhardt's family bid farewell to the fallen driver in a private ceremony one day before the NASCAR community planned to say its goodbyes. Earnhardt was laid to rest Wednesday in his hometown of Kannapolis, with only immediate family members attending the private ceremony. The exact location of the site was not disclosed at the family's request. The rest of the NASCAR community pays its final respects to the seven-time Winston Cup champion at a memorial service Thursday in Charlotte. Earnhardt, 49, was killed Sunday on the last turn of the last lap in the Daytona 500.

Compiled from wire reports.

CENTER

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searching for a job. "Not only will I have models and drawings to show, but I will have photographs of something I actually built," Ellis said.

Fifty to 60 students have contributed to the project throughout the eight semesters. Roccanoava projected that they will finish the building by this summer.

"The community has been very supportive of us and the time it has taken us to build, but they are ready to have their building," Roccanoava said.

The students are now working on the finer details of the building. The focus of the project this semester is to enclose the main space with windows, hang dry wall and work on the mechanical and electrical systems.

While the project has been a great experience, it hasn't come without difficulties. Roccanoava said the most

challenging part has been maintaining a good pace. He wants his students to experiment and express themselves in their work. But at the same time, he wants to see the project finished.

"The modern world demands us to bring something into effect," Roccanoava said.

The most difficult aspect of the project for Ellis has been building on top of others' ideas. A different group of students works on the building each semester, so the project is an accumulation of different ideas.

"We have to accept what's there and tie the different pieces from each semester together," Ellis said. "You have to continue building while keeping the aesthetic feeling and spirit of the building that others have created."

Despite the many challenges that they have faced, both Roccanoava and Ellis said it has been a satisfying experience.

"When we complete our part of the project," Ellis said, "others will savor what we have done, and I will be able to say, 'I did that.'"

SYSTEM

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grades. This is also true for LCC transfer students.

"It comes up on their [computer] system that you've taken classes at LCC, but it won't calculate your GPA," Rasmussen said. "They say LCC is a separate entity, but I use the same ID."

Many frustrations like these are being remedied, said LCC president Jim Kerley.

"The problem before was that we were on a different computing system, so everything was different," Kerley said.

Kerley said some of the difficulties faced by students who attend both schools have been fixed and more changes are on the horizon.

"Now we're on the same system... and we're working through those bugs now," Kerley said. "UK's going to be go-

ing to a new administrative computing system and we will be flowing right with that. I think that's when we'll see some changes."

Improvements that have already been made include plus account acceptance at LCC and bill pay for both schools, Kerley said.

He said there are frequent meetings between the two administrations that deal with issues like this. Kerley said this will remain an important topic with UK's new president, Lee Todd.

Kerley also said he soon look into creating a smooth flow of transcripts from LCC to UK for transfer students. UK and LCC are separately accredited institutions with different base tuitions and admissions policies.

"Because the two schools have separate missions," Kerley said, "it's part of the problem, but it doesn't need to be a roadblock."

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SPORTS		SPORTS	
*Tan Kwan Do Club Practice Hours, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft		*Tan Kwan Do Club Practice Hours, 11am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
LECTURES		*Midway College Intercollegiate Horseshow, Midway College Arena	
*Office of Anthropology Collection, 4pm, Ag Science Cr. North A-7		*Practice GOLF Exam, 9am-2pm, Stud. Cr. Center Theatre	
ARTS/MOVIES		SPECIAL EVENTS	
*UK Symphony Orchestra/UK Choirs Concert, Barn, Singatory Cr. CR		*The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, 8pm, Guignol Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg.	
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*Open Gym Volleyball, Uplink Campus Ministries, 8pm, Calvary Baptist Church Gym			
MEETINGS			
*Newman Center Mass, 9am, 11:30am, 5pm, and 8:30pm		*UK Judo Club, 5-7pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
*Nora Bagel Brunch, Hilltop/Jewish Stud. Org, 12:00pm, Manhattan Bagel on Richmond Rd.		*Midway College Intercollegiate Horseshow, Midway College Arena	
*Phi Sigma Pi Mtg., 7pm, 230 Stud. Cr.		*Men's Basketball @ Fayetteville, 1pm	
*Bible Study, Jesus the One and Only, Uplink Campus Ministries, 5-7pm, Calvary Baptist Church		INTRAMURALS/RECREATION	
*Romans Bible Study, 8:30pm, Baptist Stud. Union Chapel		*UK Aikido Club, 1-3pm, UK Alumni Gym Loft	
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THEATER

From silverscreen to stage

Feed me Seymour: Play is performed well but works too hard to live up to predecessor

By Charlie Bradley
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Recently I saw the Actors Theatre of Louisville's production of "Little Shop of Horrors," and to tell you the truth I wasn't blown away.

If you've seen the mid-80s movie starring Rick Moranis and Steve Martin, you've seen the play. The difference being the play has the original, and not so happy, ending.

If you haven't seen the

movie and aren't familiar with the story, "Little Shop of Horrors" is a musical black comedy about getting everything you want at the cost of your soul.

The main character is a nobody named Seymour who works at a florist shop on Skid Row. Seymour's luck changes when he finds a plant that no one has ever seen before. As the plant grows and gets more interesting, Seymour's fame grows as well, until his floral shop is the most popular in town.

Seymour soon discovers that the plant, named Audrey II after a girl that Seymour has a crush on, can talk and has an insatiable thirst for human blood. Seymour is presented with the problem of finding food for Audrey II and not having to kill anybody. Finding this impossible, he has to resort to getting appropriate victims for his talking plant.

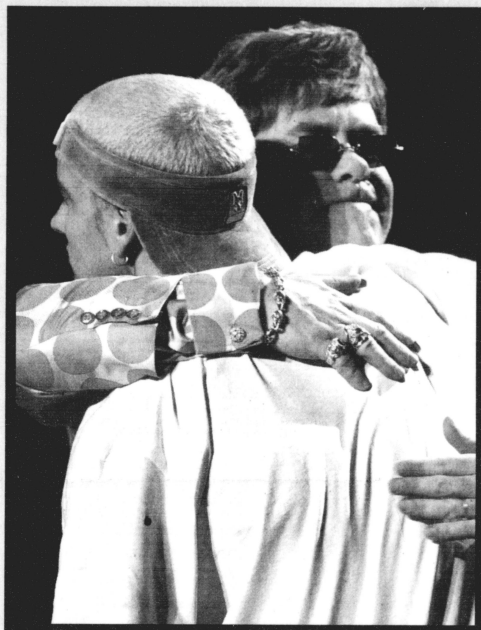
All the while Seymour, at the cost of his conscience, is getting everything he ever wanted, including Audrey's love.

The music in the play is actually pretty good. Though they tend to be a bit campy, the songs are fun and they really make you laugh out loud.

The acting was also fairly good. Steve Routman does an excellent job at playing the goofy Seymour. He really makes the audience believe he is a sweet, innocent guy who just got in over his head. Audrey Klinger makes a great Audrey as well and Michael James Leslie does a good job as the voice of Audrey II.

The play was good, it just seemed to try too hard to be just like the movie. The best part of the play is where it breaks away from the movie. It is not so much a happy ending, like in the movie, but a warning.

This makes the play worth seeing, but it's not something I would go out of my way to get to.



And the winners are ...

The Grammy Awards were handed out in Los Angeles Wednesday night.

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"Two Against Nature" Steely Dan
- RECORD OF THE YEAR
"Beautiful Day" U2
- SONG OF THE YEAR
"Beautiful Day" U2
- NEW ARTIST
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- POP VOCAL ALBUM
"Two Against Nature" Steely Dan
- ROCK ALBUM
"There is Nothing Left to Lose" Foo Fighters
- COUNTRY ALBUM
"Breathe" Faith Hill
- RAP ALBUM
"The Marshall Mathers LP" Eminem

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We don't get it either...
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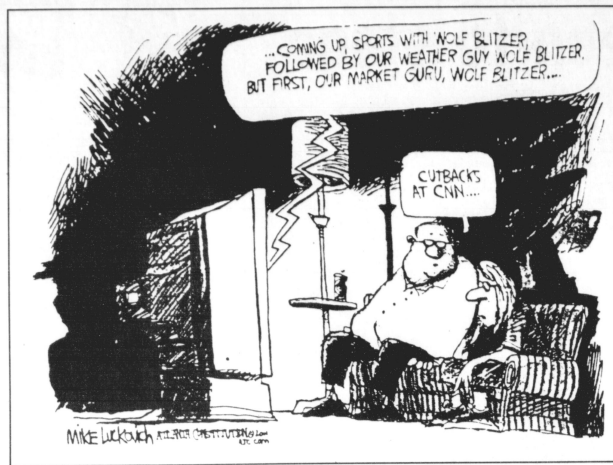
FRANKFORT — The law that makes it a crime for lawyers to solicit business from accident or disaster victims within 30 days of the event is constitutional, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled Thursday. The justices said that while the Kentucky Constitution generally reserves all matters relating to lawyers and their discipline to them, the General Assembly has the authority to determine criminal conduct. Another part of the law, which prohibited solicitation within 30 days of the filing of a civil lawsuit, criminal charge or traffic citation, had earlier been found unconstitutional. James W. Chambers, a personal injury lawyer, said the law infringed on his constitutional right of free speech as well as the court's authority over lawyers.

Over-zealous spring cleaning...

Scrapbook contains FDR letters

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Signed letters from Franklin D. Roosevelt and Richard Nixon were among dozens of political keepsakes found inside a scrapbook salvaged from a car wash trash bin. The black, leather-bound book chronicles the life of Charles Seward, grandson of Abraham Lincoln's secretary of state, William Seward. A woman rooting through the bins stumbled across the book and turned it over to authorities last week. Police traced Seward's daughter and plan to give it to her, but neither she nor the authorities have any idea how it ended up in the garbage. The letters, including several from Georgia politicians Gov. Eugene Talmadge and Sen. Richard Russell, date back to the 1930s. One dated Nov. 1, 1968, is signed by then-presidential candidate Nixon. "I want to express my personal appreciation for your efforts on behalf of my candidacy for President of the United States of America," reads the typed letter. Seward, who was a justice of the peace in Atlanta, never achieved the political prominence of his grandfather. He graduated in 1923 from Georgia Tech — his transcript is included in the scrapbook — and became treasurer of Manufacturers Office Supply Co. in Atlanta. Another letter, signed by Roosevelt, thanked Seward for his support during the 1932 presidential campaign. All the letters, most printed on aging yellow paper, are in good condition despite sitting in a garbage bin for at least a day.

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—Compiled by:
Jenny Robertson



READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Using Napster not the same as copying copyrighted material

To the Editor:

I hate it. Once again personal freedom is being limited by greedy corporations. I support Napster. I agree that it is a crime to violate copyright laws. I know I am unaware of many issues that are addressed under copyright law. I bought Shakespeare's Sister's "Hormonally Yours" album 10 years ago. I lost

that tape. Am I legally allowed to make a new CD, since I have already purchased the music? Napster is not allowing people to burn or sell copyrighted music. That is illegal and a decision made by the individual, not Napster. I have a radio. I have a tape deck attached to my radio. If I record radio shows is that a violation of copyright laws? Should we stop radio stations from broadcasting copyrighted material because the possibility exists that people are illegally obtaining copyrighted material? Or is there another way? Many musicians do not have control over their music; it is their record company that does. Many musicians only see a slight percent-

age of the \$16 a CD sells for. Before digital music there was still dubbed music, this same issue arose when VCRs were introduced into the public market. Movie corporations were terrified that people would begin dubbing movies and that their profits would be severely impaired. I claim that if CDs were not outrageously priced then this issue would never have arisen. I am a student. I work several part-time jobs. I am paid minimum wage; there is no way I am paying the equivalent of three hours of my life for a CD.

GRIFFIN WARBURTON
ART STUDIO JUNIOR

Peri Conley

CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Thanks to Hank: life lessons from a concert

So, I saw Hank III last Friday night at Lexington's own shamrock music shop, Lynagh's, and it was odd. I saw a sea of black cowboy hats and punk shirts existing in peace for well over an hour. Strange that the third of a dynasty should bring two such different groups together. Let's start at the beginning. But we must ask ourselves, the night's beginning or the dynasty's? This is not going to be a review of Hank III himself, but more of a very strange night set to his music, so I should start with the night's beginning, right? Nope. Let's review the legacy first so you won't be left out in the dark during this whole column. We'll follow the genealogical line out from grandpa, Hank Williams Sr. He was the ultimate legend, the "greatest country singer of all time," in my own grandfather's words, and half of the music-listening world's words. Then came daddy, Hank Jr. Eventually abandoned by diehard Hank Sr. fans, Hank Jr. was a multimillion dollar musician with good ambitions but he had a bad drug/alcohol habit and a hard name to fill. Hank Jr., better known as Hank III, was a rowdy punk kid before he took on the legacy. But let's remember why he started singing his ancestors' songs instead of sticking with the punk. He did it, admittedly, for the money. He admitted to cashing in, like his daddy, and cashed in without shame. Getting back to the real story of the evening, I got in free, which you should be thankful for or this column wouldn't be in progress (I'm one poor sod). Sorrowfully, I missed the opening act, which featured Paul K. and Andy Mason because I was driving the back streets of the Woodland area with Andy's girlfriend, Jessica, looking for a place to "dodge" my stupid Neon. Upon reaching the concert, Jessica and I made our way to the stage through a sea of cowboy hats and dribbling beer pitchers as the band came out. We positioned ourselves in front of the super fast electronic fiddler. Hank was dressed to please in his tight little Wranglers, button-down, white hat and snake-skin boots held together with silver tape. His tattoos stained his forearms

like blood from battle wounds. Jessica and I headed back up to the bar area for a more objective view of the performance. Cover after cover, Hank III sounded more and more like Hank I and II. I was getting dizzy. Jessica and Andy left me. I was stuck at the bar with my Altdoids, water and a desire to forget about Hank for a while and talk to someone about one of my favorite singers, Nick Lowe. I was drifting. The unlucky new friend who got to hear my Lowe lovin' ramblings humored me for a while. Then he began to talk about the unbelievable peace and unity being brought about by Hank's music, you know punks and rednecks existing as one (by the way, I'm from Nicholasville and have been shoved into both of these stereotypes at one time or another, so don't take offense). I had to ask if he was joking. He wasn't. I couldn't help it, but I wanted to laugh in his face. Here's why: The sweet twang stopped and Hank announced that he didn't want to offend any of his fans. He was going to stop playing like his ancestors and do his own thing. He thanked the audience for hearing him play and told them they should leave if they weren't going to like what was coming next. I was amazed to see the hats and the pitchers gather their coats and shuffle their boots out the door as Hank went through an incredible metamorphosis. To all those coming to see the first part of his show, he might as well have turned into a grotesque beetle, but to all the leftovers, he became their "Jesus of Cool" (that's the name of a Nick Lowe album, by the way). It would seem my new friend was wrong. Beer bottles were shattered and at least one drunken man was thrown out, as a sea of sweaty moshing bodies replaced the hats. But, overall it ended peacefully, a.k.a. "nobody died or nuthin'." Hank got to play what he wanted to, even if it was only for the last 30 minutes of the show. Hey, I got to talk about Nick Lowe and see a free show. Thanks Hanks, for an odd evening.

Contributing Columnist Peri Conley is a journalist junior. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

PARTING SHOTS.

Final word

The Question:

"According a report released Wednesday on cnn.com, Napster Inc. offered \$1 billion Tuesday to the recording industry to settle a copyright infringement lawsuit. The offer follows last week's ruling from a federal appeals court which stated that the company knew its users were violating music copyright laws through its file-sharing service. Under the offer, Napster would pay \$150 million per year for five years to the major record labels — EMI, Warner, Universal, Sony and BMG — and pay \$50 million per year for five years to independent labels. Napster would also establish a three-tiered membership plan with the top membership costing \$5.95 to \$9.95 per month. Under that plan, users would have access to unlimited transactions in downloading music. Less expensive plans would limit the number of transactions. However, a recording industry group urged Napster to accept a federal injunction ordering it to block copyrighted music from its service. Other recording industry officials also balked at the settlement offer. Should Napster try to engage the music industry in negotiations in order to preserve its business? Or is Napster's attempt to cut a deal with the music industry flawed? Should Napster even attempt to cut a deal at all? Do you think Napster users will pay to use the company's software, or is the company destined to lose its battle to stay afloat in the face of lawsuits and shutdowns?"

What They Said:

If they cut this deal, will I still be able to steal thousands of copyrighted songs without the artists being compensated for the music they wrote? God, I hope so!"
Andrew Grossman, Assistant News Editor

Napster, by trying to settle with the RIAA, is doing too little too late. While the idea of Napster deserves considerable merit, its actions over the last few years deserve a punishment of some sort that shouldn't be passed on to their subscribers."
Alan Stone, Kernel Columnist

Considering the millions of Napster users, I think a general boycott of major music labels would prove more effective in saving Napster than business negotiations."
Clayton Sandford, Kernel Columnist

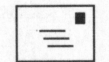
The music industry pretends to care about the artists when they're really just a giant cluster of talentless businessmen trying to make a buck off people who have what it takes to write a song. And most of the time, the song isn't as important as the number of Pepsi ads an artist can promote ... all we want is the music."
Kevin Clapp, Kernel Cartoonist

Damn. Now I have to actually show my face in a music store and pay up if I want to own the songs by such musical geniuses as Tears For Fears or Right Said Fred."
Candice Jackson, Kernel Columnist

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Distance of UK freshman shot putter Jeff Chakouian's best throw this year. Chakouian's effort of 65 feet, 10-and-one-half inches at the McCravy Memorial on Jan. 12 ranks as the SEC's best this year. Chakouian is the No. 1 shot putter in the SEC.

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SEC rank of UK's men's distance medley relay team. Sophomores Chad Johnson, Jack Morgan, Thomas Morgan and freshman James Doaty teamed to break UK's men's distance medley relay record with a time of 9:42.67 at the Iowa State Classic on Feb. 9. It was the fourth fastest NCAA time of the year at that point.

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UK sophomore Janet Crawford's personal best high jump in inches. Her jump of five-feet-eight and three-fourths of an inch at the Air Force Invitational on Jan. 26 ranks her fourth in the SEC.

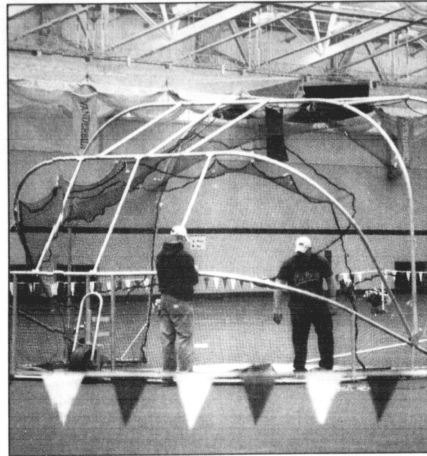
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TRACKING THE SEC

UK hosts SEC track and field elite



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Track and turf
The UK track and field team prepares for the 2001 SEC Indoor Track and Field Championships at Nutter Field House on Thursday. UK will host the event Saturday and Sunday at Nutter for the first time since 1996.

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

The UK track and field teams will host one of the most prestigious events in collegiate athletics this weekend at the Nutter Field House.

The 2001 Southeastern Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday with the men's weight throw and women's high jump finals. UK will host arguably the best collection of track and field talent in the nation for the first time since 1996.

"For our athletes this is an opportunity to compete in a national meet where everyone will notice," said Don Weber, UK men's and women's track and field coach. "To have it at home is special for them."

Perennial powers Arkansas and LSU are ranked in the top 10 in men's and women's track and field. The SEC claims the No. 1 teams nationally in both women's and men's track — South Carolina and Arkansas, respectively. There are six women's and seven men's teams in the top 20.

Weber said UK's men's middle distance runners are a strength for the Cats.

"We have very good guys and there are other good runners around, but it is just going to matter who runs the best on that day," Weber said. Sophomores Chad Johnson, Hunter Spencer and freshman James Doaty lead the group.

"What I hope for is for everyone on the team to compete at their best level," Weber said.

If that happens, Weber expects several UK Track Cats to place, if not win, in their events.

"I'm sure we'll do better than last year," UK senior jumper Shevan Threats said of the UK women's disappointing 2000 last place finish. Threats, a native of Elizabethton, and Simidele Adeogbo, a sophomore from Louisville, are top contenders in the long jump and triple jump.

The tandem ranks as one of the best jumping

duos in the nation. No other school has two jumpers ranked in the top 20 of the nation.

"If we go out and do what we know we can do, we can definitely make some noise as a jumping power," Adeogbo said.

Noise is exactly what UK freshman shot putter Jeff Chakouian plans to make. Chakouian said he thinks anything but first place will be less than his best performance. That might be a lofty goal for a freshman, but the No. 1 shot putter in the SEC has bigger goals.

"I want to win indoors, win outdoors, keep looking at nationals and hopefully look to the 2004 Olympics, but that is a long way away," Chakouian said. He plans on defending UK's turf, and his No. 4 national and No. 1 SEC ranking.

There is this senior at Georgia ranked No. 3 in the nation and No. 2 in the SEC and he thinks this is his event," he said. "I'm going to let him know different." Chakouian is confident, but John Kennesson, UK's assistant coach in charge of field events, is not worried about him being overconfident.

"You can't be too confident in athletics," he said. "Jeff is aggressive, very confident, very talented and good things will happen for him."

Kennesson said if UK's plans come together the teams will have great meets. Kennesson said every Track Cat has had his or her best practices and workouts of the year during the week leading up to the SEC Championships.

"We're all peaking at the right time," he said.

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